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NAVY'S AIRBORNE TACTICIANS COMPLETE TRAINING



Assistant Commandant Sunil Negi receiving the award from Rear Admiral SM Vadgaonkar

Twelve Officers of the Indian Navy, two officers from the Indian Coast Guard and one officer from the Sri Lankan Navy graduated as Observers on 10 Feb 12 in an impressive ceremonial Passing Out parade held at the Naval Air Base here. Rear Admiral S M Vadgaonkar, of Integrated Headquarters Ministry of Defence, reviewed the parade and awarded the 'Wings' to the passing out officers. The officers were trained at Observer School, commanded by Commander Vijayant Singh.

During the 46 weeks course the Officers were trained in Tactics employed in Air Warfare, Anti Submarine Warfare and the exploitation of advanced electronic warfare systems in addition to basic training in Air Navigation and flying procedures. These Officers would function as 'The Airborne Tacticians' onboard Maritime Reconnaissance and Anti-submarine warfare aircraft of the Navy.

Assistant Commandant Sunil Negi was awarded Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command trophy for being adjudged 'Best in Flying' and Uttar Pradesh trophy on being adjudged 'First in the overall order of merit' and Lt GS Rathore was awarded Sub Lt RV Kunte Memorial Book Prize on being adjudged 'Best in Ground subjects'. Addressing the parade after presenting the trophies, Rear Admiral S M Vadgaonkar, said the Indian Navy is growing at a fast pace and a wide range of air assets from diverse sources are being inducted. These aircraft would possess the latest and advanced capabilities. He exhorted them to keep themselves professionally sharp to harness the capabilities of these machines.